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LETTER DATED 15 OCTOBER 1998 FROM THE CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF YUGOSLAVIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement of the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on the agreement between the President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Slobodan Milosevic, and the American envoy Richard Holbrooke (see annex).

I would be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex published as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Statement issued on 14 October 1998 by the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

At its meeting this evening, chaired by Momir Bulatovic, President of the Federal Government, the Federal Government fully supported the agreement between the President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Slobodan Milosevic, and American envoy Richard Holbrooke. This agreement ensures that all issues in Kosovo and Metohija be resolved in a peaceful manner, solely by political means, respecting the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the Republic of Serbia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, and eliminates the threat of military intervention against our country.

The Federal Government fully supported the decisions and positions which, with a view to implementing the agreement, were agreed upon by the President of the Republic of Serbia, Milan Milutinovic, and the Government of the Republic of Serbia.

The Federal Government approved the text of the Agreement between the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) on the OSCE Kosovo verification mission. The Federal Government has authorized the Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs, Zivadin Jovanovic, to sign, on behalf of the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, this agreement with the Chairman-in-Office of OSCE, Bronislaw Geremek, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Poland.

As part of the verification and compliance with Security Council resolution 1199 (1998), the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia will permit non-combat aircraft to observe, for purposes of peaceful verification, the situation in Kosovo.

The Federal Government assessed that the achieved agreement provided for the preservation of peace not only in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia but in the region and Europe as well, and enabled that creative energy be directed at accelerated economic prosperity and development, good-neighbourliness and comprehensive cooperation in the region.